



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

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## Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Tour, 3 pm, June 23

The Society's annual free walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery is set for Saturday afternoon, June 23 at 3 pm. Participants will meet at the entrance to the cemetery, at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St.

This year's two-hour tour will focus on the story of the 1910 Wellington Avalanche, a northwest disaster featured in the recent book, "The White Cascade" by Gary Krist.

Our local historical cemetery is like a library of northwest history. Owners Bill and Loretta Edwards have been gracious supporters of these tours for over 10 years. Bring your walking shoes, prepare for uneven ground, and join us June 23rd.

### Former COH Patients Wanted

Former patients and staff of Children's Orthopedic Hospital are being sought to tell their stories about their time at COH. A centennial history book is in preparation and voices of those who were there are wanted to complete the story. If you or someone you know fits this description, please contact Isabel Egglan at 206-286-3605 or email [Isabel@qahistory.org](mailto:Isabel@qahistory.org).

## Children's Hospital At 100 Years *NEW DAY, NEW TIME* **TUES. MAY 22ND, 6:30 PM**

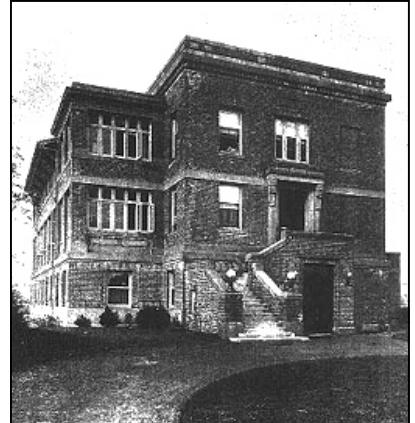
Children's Medical Center turns 100 years old this year. Known to us as **Children's Orthopedic Hospital**, this remarkable institution started in 1907 as a single ward at Seattle General Hospital and then moved to Queen Anne Hill in 1908 for our healthful hilltop air. A small "Fresh Air Cottage" was built at Warren Ave. N and Crockett St., followed by a brick building in 1911. In 1953 Children's moved to its current location on Sand Point Way NE, and the original campus is known to us today as **Queen Anne Manor**, a retirement facility.

We will have a unique opportunity on May 22nd to tour the original COH and to hear about their 100 years in Seattle. Queen Anne Manor and Children's Medical Center are hosting an **open house at the old hospital, 100 Crockett St, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**. Refreshments and displays will be offered. This will be followed by our **Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm**, with election of board members, and a presentation on Children's Hospital by **Dr. John Neff**, Director of the CMC Center for Children With Special Needs.

Note the new day and time!

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007,  
6:30 pm open house,  
7:30 pm meeting  
Queen Anne Manor  
First Ave N. and Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



Children's Orthopedic Hospital, 1911, at Warren Ave. N. & Crockett, looking west.  
Courtesy Children's Medical Center

### Membership Notice



It's time to renew your annual membership for the Society's 2007-08 year. Your mailing label on page 4 shows the year your current membership expires, "2007EXP" means your membership expires May 31st of 2007. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now, or bring it to the May 22nd meeting at QA Manor. We've been busy this past

year...and need your membership to keep our heritage efforts moving.  
Please give me a call to learn more. John Hennes, President, 284-2266

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tue. May 22, 2007**

**Program:** Children's Hospital Centennial, Our Annual Meeting, Queen Anne Manor, 6:30 pm tours, 7:30 pm program. Free. (Story page 1)

### **Sat. June 2, 2007**

**School Event:** Coe School Centennial, details still in work. See QA News.

### **Sat. June 2, 2007**

**Community Event:** Fremont Bridge Reopening Celebration, by bridge, 1-4 pm.

### **Sat. June 23, 2007**

**Walking Tour:** The annual walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 3 pm.  
7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St. Free.

### **Sat. Sept. 22, 2007**

**Program:** Our Sept. membership meeting—on a Saturday afternoon at Bayview Manor. “Uptown Then and Now.” 11 W. Aloha St., 2 pm. Free.

## **Preservation Update for 7th Church of Christ Scientist**

By Leanne Olson

The fate of this historic Queen Anne community church remains in limbo following its sale last year to TM Homes, LLC, owned by Timothy I. McHugh. The Queen Anne Historical Society, in conjunction with Queen Anne Neighbors for Responsible Growth, filed an appeal to the City's February 1st granting of the demolition permit to T.M. Homes developer, David Fletcher. Four additional appeals were submitted, two addressing historic preservation concerns and two addressing environmental concerns.

Following a pre-hearing conference on March 6, the attorney for the church and the City Attorney filed a motion to dismiss three of the appeals, including the Society's, on the grounds that they were preservation based and therefore not applicable to a building owned by a church. The City Hearing Examiner elected to grant the dismissal and all three appellants have filed motions to reconsider. These motions are outstanding at this time. One of these appellants, Byron Coney, a preservationist/lawyer, is also in the process of filing a Landmark Application for the church with the City of Seattle's Historic Preservation Office.

The City Hearing Examiner heard the appeals of the two remaining appellants on

April 18. Important information was brought out by the appellants, including the fact that erroneous square footage was given on the SEPA application both for the building and for the lot size, which materially understated the impact of the demolition of the building and short platting of the property. Closing arguments from the two appellants and the church attorney were received by the City Hearing Examiner on April 30. We are awaiting the Hearing Examiner's decision.

On April 2, Queen Anne Historical Society submitted a nomination to place the church on Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's 2007 Most Endangered Historic Properties List. The nomination was co-sponsored by Historic Seattle and Queen Anne Neighbors for Responsible Growth. It was prepared by Leanne Olson with technical assistance and photos provided by Bruce Jones. Christine Palmer of Historic Seattle also contributed invaluable input. The 2007 list will be announced by the Washington Trust in conjunction with May Preservation month.

While the Society remains sympathetic to the church membership's need to expedite the pending sale of the property, we feel strongly that the church also has an obligation to the community to prevent the destruction of this historic structure if at all possible. The community's continued support in this preservation effort is greatly appreciated.

For further information, contact Char Eggleston, Landmarks/Preservation Chair, at 206-378-1618 or [char@qahistory.org](mailto:char@qahistory.org) and continue to refer to the Society's website, [www.qahistory.org](http://www.qahistory.org), for updates.

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Society Receives Grant for Landmarks Recognition

The QAHS has received a \$3000 grant from the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Washington. The grant will fund a Queen Anne Landmarks Recognition Project to increase awareness of historic properties in the Queen Anne community and to foster among the public the value of historic preservation.

Char Eggleston, Society Landmarks Preservation Chair, was invited to submit the grant request and was notified last month of its award, covering Phase I of the project. Leanne Olson prepared the application, with technical assistance by Bruce Jones. The Society extends its appreciation to Susan Boyle of BOLA Architects for her valuable input and assistance.

The project will be administered by Society volunteers and will identify specific landmarked properties, reach out to owners to clarify the historic status, and research and develop text describing their significance. With owner's approval, cast-bronze plaques will be placed on the National Trust, Washington Trust and Seattle City Landmarked properties on Queen Anne.

**To volunteer for this project or for further information , contact Char Eggleston, Landmarks/Preservation Chair, at 206-378-1618 or [char@qahistory.org](mailto:char@qahistory.org).**

### Magnolia History Available

Pre-sales of **Magnolia History Book II** are available. A sequel to the beautiful "Magnolia: Memories & Milestones", it will be published this spring. For pre-orders contact Monica Wooton, 206-284-2430 or on-line at [www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org).

### Disappearing Landmarks

Queen Anne observers will have noticed that the two historic water towers are



Park View apartments being stripped prior to demolition, May 3, 2007

Photo by John Hennes

now gone. A single large tower will replace them in the next year.

Also disappearing is the lovely Park View apartment building on W. Highland Drive, which is being carefully dismantled and parts reused.

### Edo Vanni, 1918-2007

Notable Queen Anne graduate and resident Edo Vanni died April 30th, at age 89. Edo was Mr. Baseball in Seattle, from his days at Queen Anne High School to the Rainiers and the Pilots. He was helpful to countless people and loved his Italian roots and his family.



*Edo Vanni, 1918-2007: Mr. Baseball in Seattle. Shown here in 1946.*

Courtesy Seattle Times

### NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

#### Our Book Collection

Your Queen Anne Community Archive contains 88 books available for your inspection. Half of these are history books and most have some mention of Queen Anne. There are also general Northwest history books. In addition, there are 17 books on preservation, 2 theses, 4 scrapbooks, and other almanacs, indexes and administrative books. If you wish to see any of these, make an appointment with Bob Frazier or Bruce Jones.

### Spotlight on the Board

#### Kim Turner

This issue, we look at one of our long-time members, Kim Turner, who usually writes "Kim's Musings" for the Cobblestone and has multiple lives as historian, book collector, QA Alumni officer and researcher.

Kim was born at Providence Hospital on June 7, 1943, and was taken home by his adoptive parents, Reg and Arloa Turner, to the brick house at 1202 Fifth Avenue North. He began attending Warren Avenue School in 1948, as a member of Mary Kalk's kindergarten class, and remained there through the sixth grade, learning from teachers Mary Coughlin, Alice Palmer, Margaret Sutton, Evelyn Reisig, Dorothy Wiebe, and Caroline Silva

At Warren Avenue he says he was lucky to be a part of a Columbus Day play which they put on for KING's Camera, a show hosted by Bill Corcoran. He was also selected to be a member of their 1954 KOMO Quizdown team representing Warren Avenue School. They defeated Stevens School and won a set of the Books of Knowledge.

His favorite playground away from school was the former Lake Union Golf Course, or "Galer Street Golf Course," which became many different places on the globe – sometimes central Africa, sometimes the Sahara, and

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*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25  
(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45  
(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:  
Soft cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Soft cover cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hard cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Hard cover cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coming up: 100 Years of Children's Orthopedic Hospital, at the Tues. May 22nd program at QA Manor. Tours 6:30 pm, Program 7:30 pm. Details page 1.**

*Kim Turner (Continued from page 3)*

more often a place to storm the “citadel,” which was what kids called the massive apartment complex which still stands on the northeast of the hill, overlooking the natural park saved from development in the 1990s.

Kim’s maternal grandfather ran an antiquarian book store in Walla Walla, “Ferney’s Old Book Store,” where every other summer his family would visit. At his death in 1954, he left to Kim a number of books on Pacific Northwest history, which formed the nucleus of his Western American collection and helped to insure that books would always be a major part of his life.

In September of 1955 he began a six-year love affair with Queen Anne Junior-Senior High School. He has never forgotten his teachers, all of whom made a vast difference in his life, he says. Helen Hill and Louis Fiscus introduced him to the Spanish language and its literature, and he has enjoyed many books and films in that language ever since.

While at Queen Anne, he worked in the school library, where he learned the Dewey Decimal System, a gift he has never stopped using! His work there led to his being hired by Seattle Public Library in May of 1961, a bare month before he graduated from Queen Anne. The

year before, he had volunteered as a tour guide for the early 1960 opening of the new downtown library. Kim attended the University of Washington during 1961 and 1962, but since late 1962 to date he has been full time at the library, in the History department (later Humanities) and more recently in the Technical Services Division.

Kim became a member of the Queen Anne Historical Society in 1985, during the last “Last Hurrah” at QA High School, and has been on the board since the following year. He belongs to two book collecting groups and a radio drama-recreating club. He did some acting in high school and at UW, as well as several reader’s theatre performances with other staff members at Seattle Public Library. He currently resides on the west flank of Phinney Ridge, still hoping to someday return to the Hill.

Kim says he misses Queen Anne, both what it was in the past, and what it is today. On May 10th, he will celebrate his 46th anniversary with the downtown library, and he intends to break the old library record of 50 years.

As an active board member of the historical society Kim is our invaluable link to the historical resources of Seattle Public Library. He is the creator of most of our neighborhood walking tours and the co-creator of the Mount Pleasant cemetery tour. A true son of Queen Anne.

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?**

**Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266  
for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**